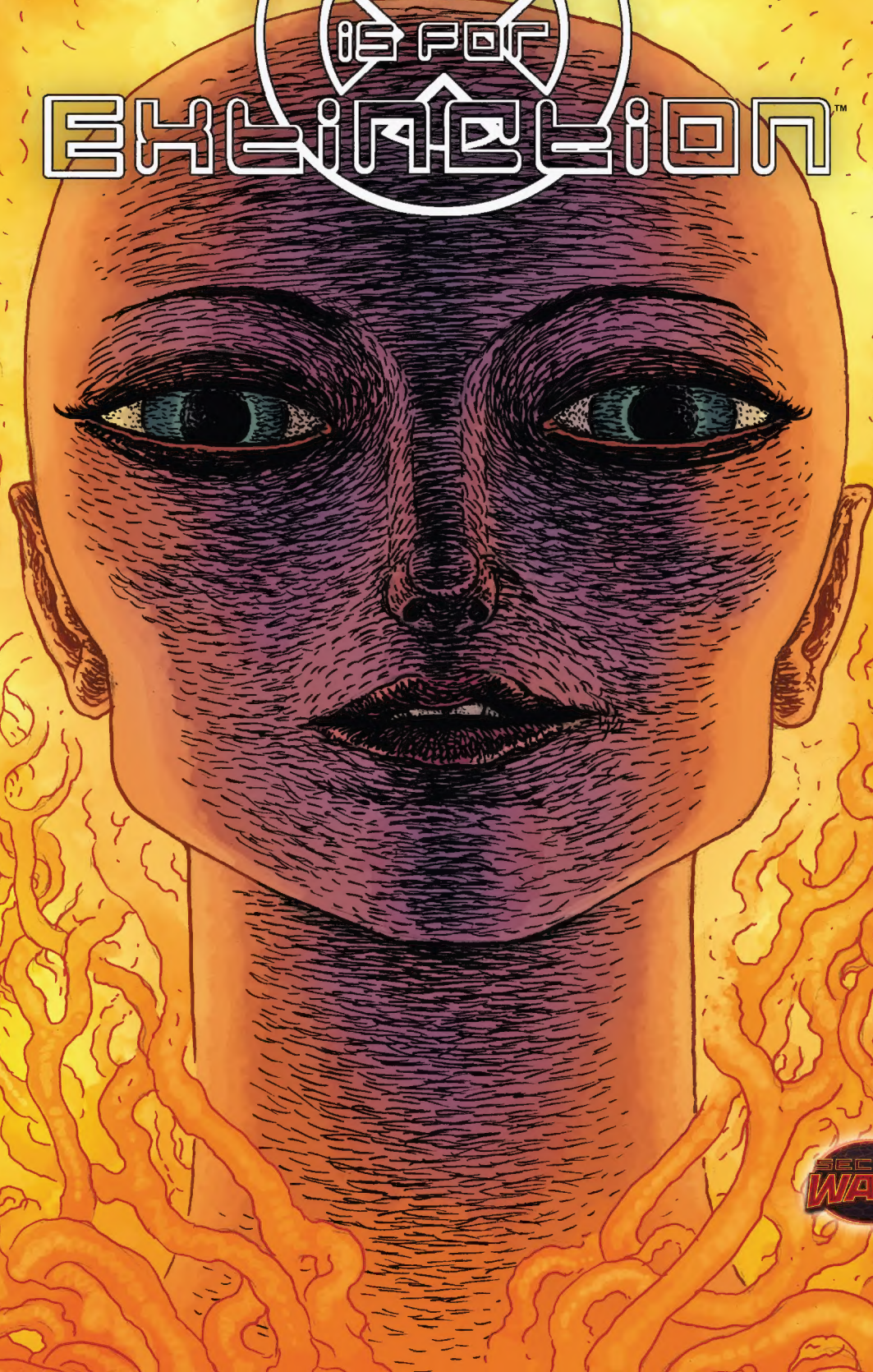


MARVEL

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**BURNHAM
CULVER
VILLALOBOS
HERRING**

E
IS FOR
EXTINCTION™



**SECRET
WAR**

A black silhouette of a mutant, likely Storm, with long, flowing hair and wings. She is surrounded by vibrant, swirling energy in shades of blue, pink, and white, resembling fireworks or psychic power. The energy is concentrated around her head and arms, which are outstretched. The background is dark, making the glowing energy stand out.

E IS FOR EXTINCTION

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED...ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD!**

CHARLES XAVIER IS DEAD. AND TO THE PUBLIC, MAGNETO APPEARS TO CARRY ON HIS FELLOW MUTANT'S LIFEWORK; HEADING BOTH THE ATOM INSTITUTE--A SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, HUMANS AND MUTANTS ALIKE--AND THE NEW X-MEN TEAM. BUT MAGNETO HAS BEEN HIDING AN OBJECT OF INCREDIBLE POWER: A PHOENIX EGG CONTAINING UNTOLD AMOUNTS OF PSYCHIC ENERGY.

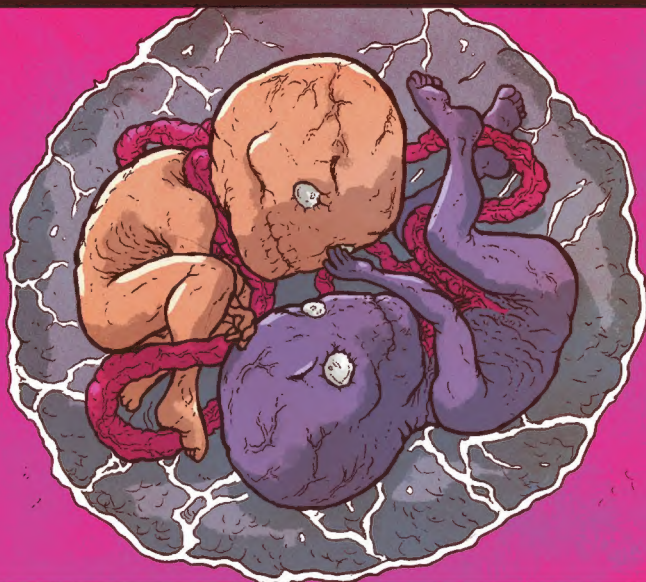
DISTURBED BY THIS NEWS, CYCLOPS, EMMA FROST, XORN AND WOLVERINE RAIDED THE ATOM INSTITUTE. IN THE ENSUING CHAOS, MAGNETO KILLED QUENTIN QUIRE, XORN VANISHED IN A FLASH OF LIGHT, MAGNETO HIMSELF WAS KILLED--AND THEN THINGS GOT WEIRD.

AN ARMY OF BEASTS, FROM ALL OVER BATTLEWORLD, ATTACKED THE INSTITUTE UNDER ORDERS THAT SEEMED TO COME FROM THE PHOENIX EGG ITSELF. THE X-MEN, OLD AND NEW, INCLUDING THE REAL HANK MCCOY, RALLIED TO FIGHT THE LEGION OF BEASTS. THERE WERE CASUALTIES. STEPFORD CUCKOO ESME WAS KILLED IN THE ALTERCATION.

JUST AS ALL HOPE SEEMED LOST, QUENTIN QUIRE'S DEAD BODY ROSE WITH THE MIND OF CHARLES XAVIER AND HE RALLIED HIS X-MEN. AFTER STERILIZING THE SUBLIME INFECTION WITH HIS VAST MENTAL POWER, XAVIER ANNOUNCED THAT THE BATTLE HAD ONLY BEGUN!

THE PHOENIX EGG HAS HATCHED! THE X-MEN'S FINAL FOE HAS EMERGED!

ARE THESE
WORDS FROM
THE PAST?



THIS IS
ONLY HOW IT
STARTED...

ARE
YOU OKAY,
JEAN?

I'M FINE,
HANK. MY
ALARM DIDN'T
GO OFF THIS
MORNING. THE
WHOLE DAY
HAS FELT...
OFF.

CASSANDRA,
GET OUT OF MY HEAD
OR I FIRE.

PROFESSOR?

CLK

JEAN!
GET OUT OF
MY MIND!

TOO
LATE.

B
A
N
G



CHARLES!

SUPERNOVA

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OH,
JEAN, I'M SO
SORRY.

NOT
AGAIN.

IT'S OKAY,
PROFESSOR...



...IT
WILL BE
TIME TO WAKE
UP AGAIN
SOON.

JEAN! BUT--
HOW--

WAIT.
WHERE ARE
WE?



A COSMIC
EGG! IT'S WHERE
PHOENIXES ALWAYS
GO WHEN THEY DIE.
BUT YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO
BE HERE...



...AND
NEITHER IS YOUR
SISTER.

OH,
NO.







SO MUCH
POWER GESTATING
HERE! ALL MINE TO
CONTROL! YOUR DREAM
IS MEANINGLESS.
I'LL RUIN
EVERYTHING!

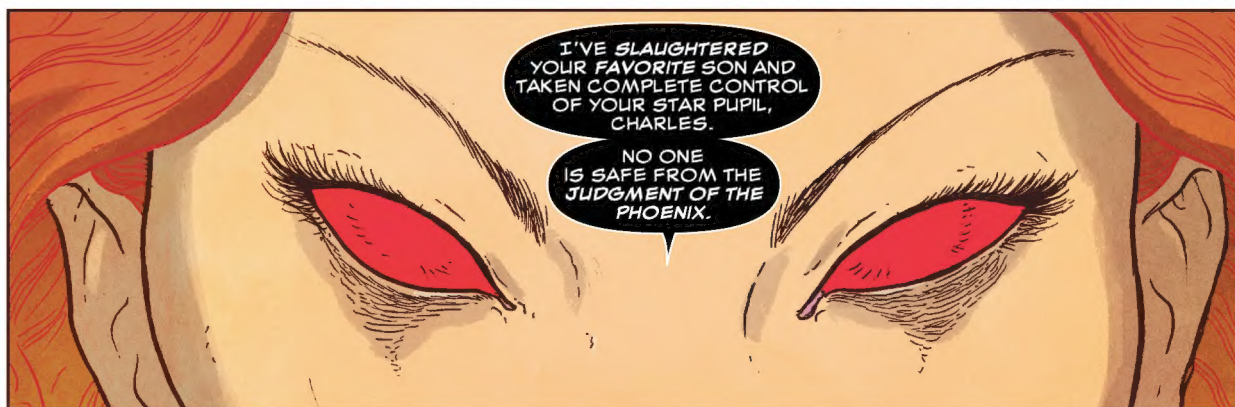
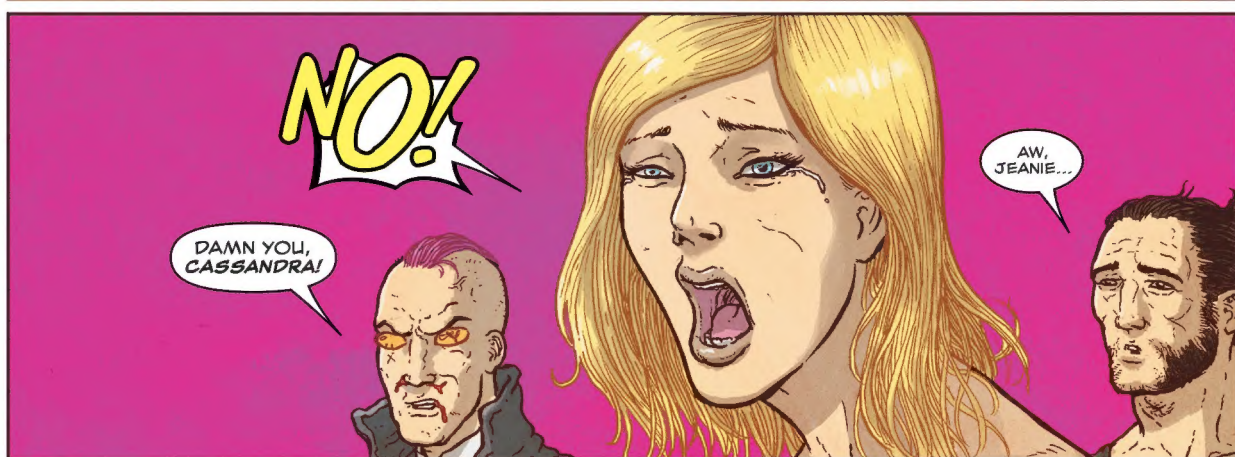
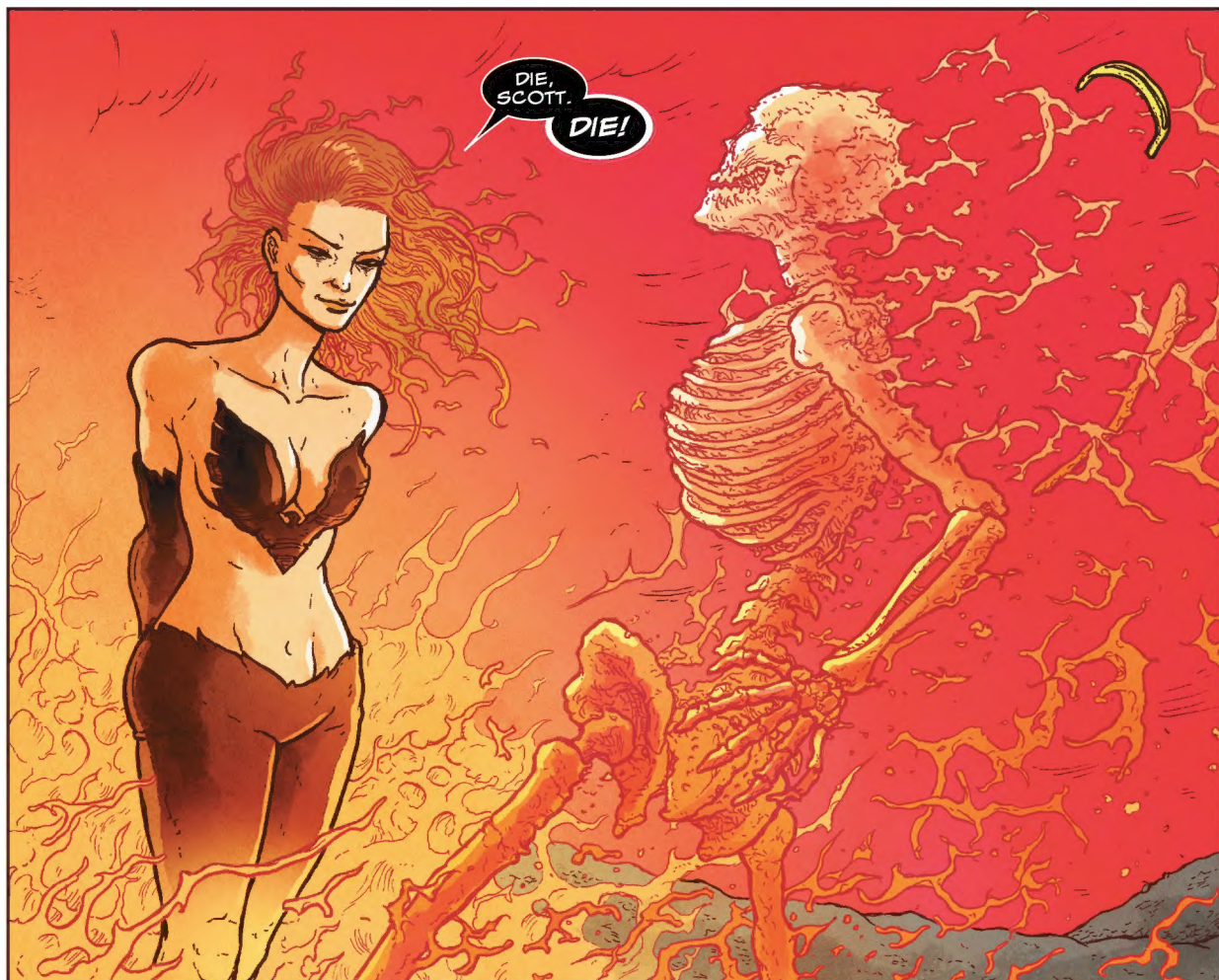
I WON'T
LET THAT HAPPEN,
CASSANDRA. I'LL KILL
YOU AGAIN BEFORE
YOU CAN BE BORN.
JUST LIKE LAST
TIME.

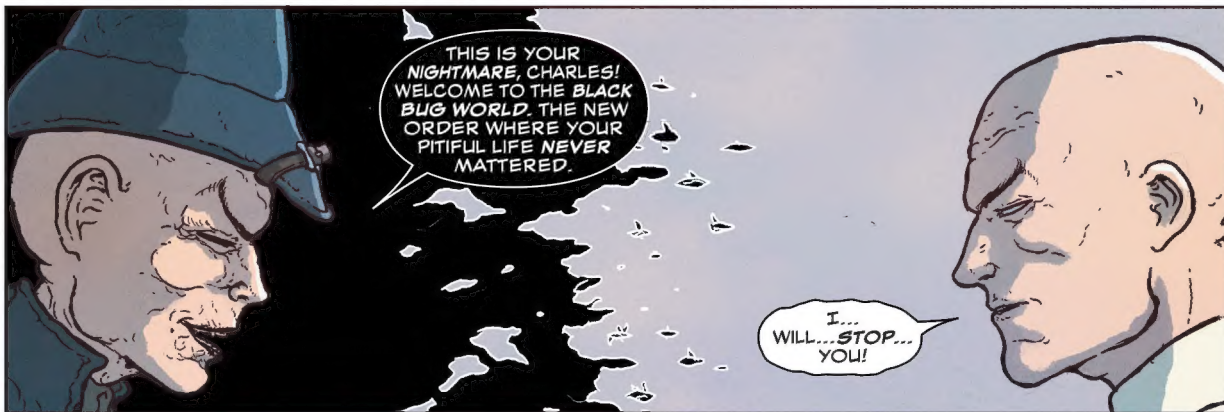


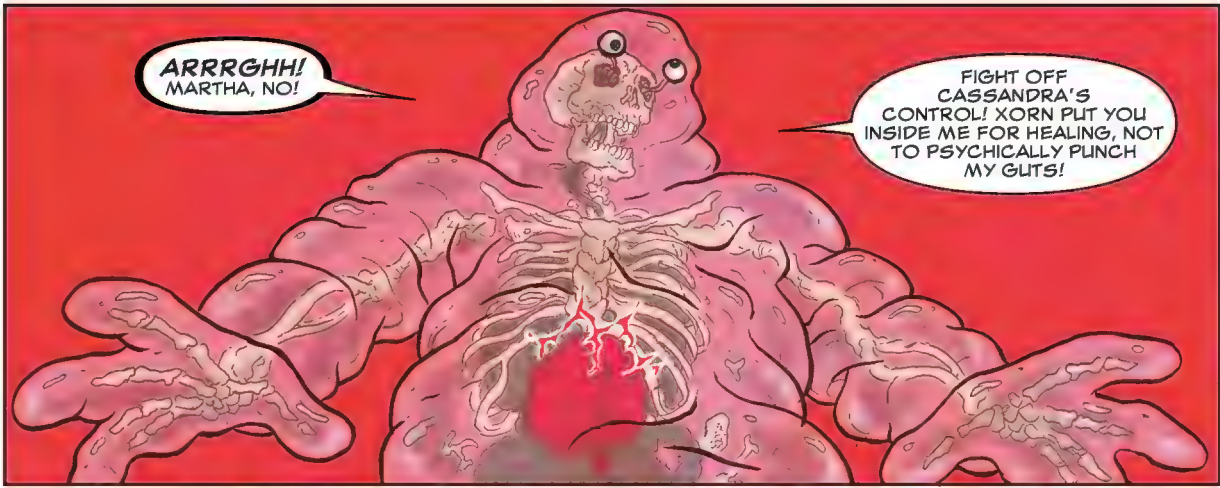
IT WAS
LIKE THIS FOR
YEARS....

...A SECRET WAR
RAGING INSIDE THE
EGG BETWEEN THE
BLACK AND THE
WHITE FOR THE SOUL
OF THE GREY.









ARRRGHH!
MARTHA, NO!

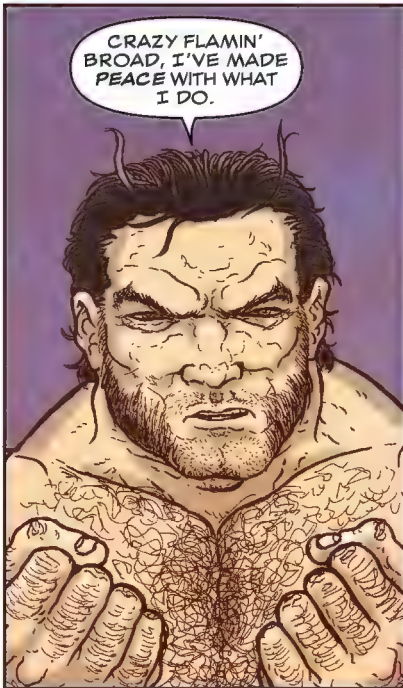
FIGHT OFF
CASSANDRA'S
CONTROL! XORN PUT YOU
INSIDE ME FOR HEALING, NOT
TO PSYCHICALLY PUNCH
MY GUTS!



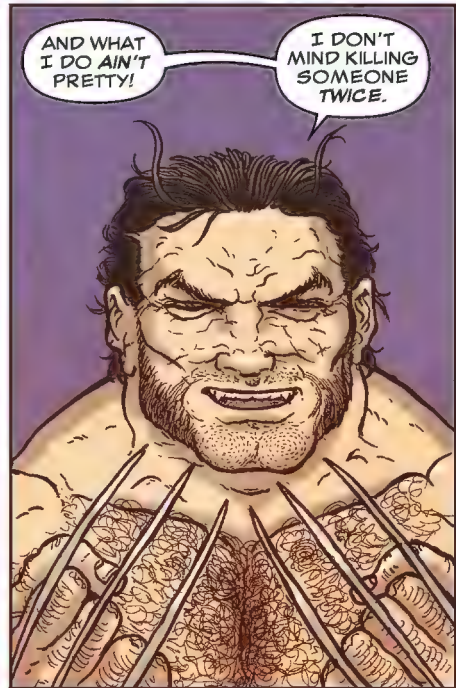
THE ENDLESS
CYCLE OF KILLING
NEVER ENDS FOR
YOU, DOES IT,
WOLVERINE?

I WAS
A GOOD MAN
BEFORE YOU KILLED
ME. I HAD A WIFE
AND A SON.

MY
MOTHER
WILL NEVER
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED
TO ME.

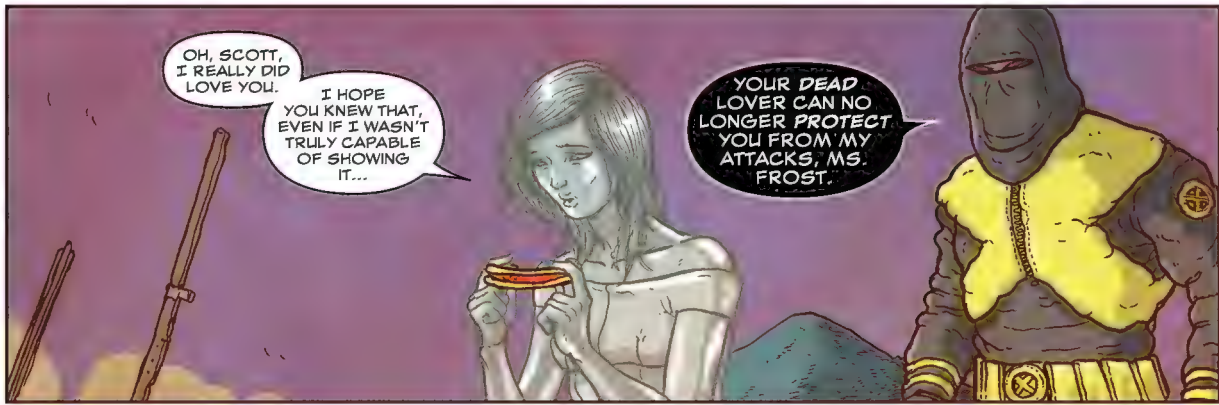


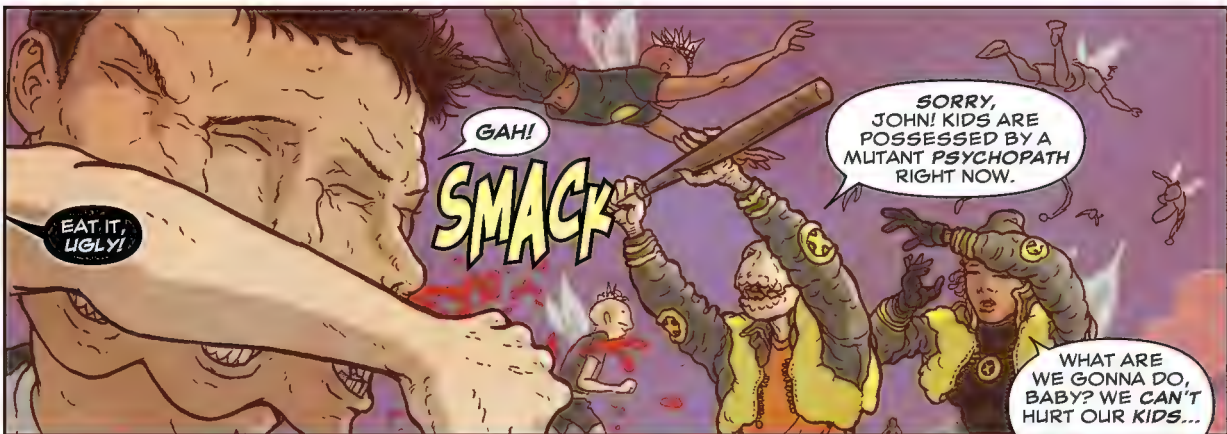
CRAZY FLAMIN'
BROAD, I'VE MADE
PEACE WITH WHAT
I DO.



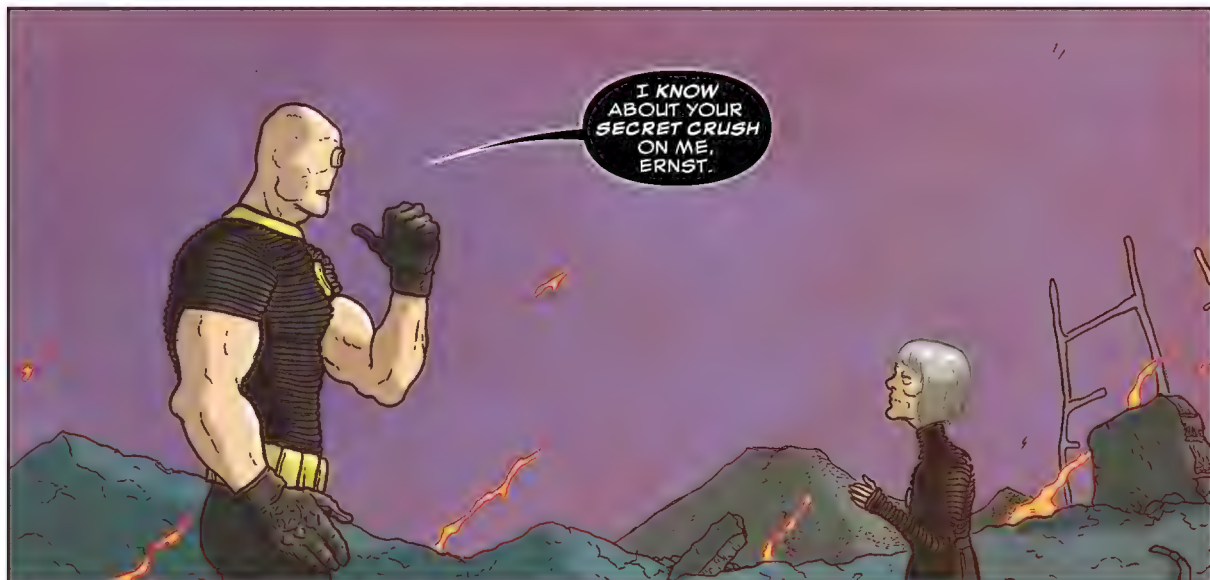
AND WHAT
I DO AIN'T
PRETTY!

I DON'T
MIND KILLING
SOMEONE
TWICE.









I KNOW ABOUT YOUR SECRET CRUSH ON ME, ERNST.



WHAT? NO!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, BASILISK?



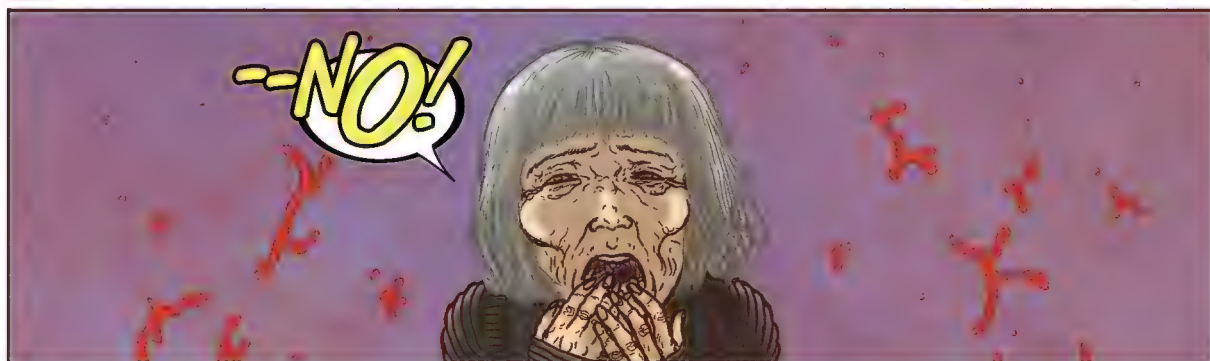
I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN. CASSANDRA NOVA IS JUST MAKING ME SAY IT OUT LOUD.



SHE'S GONNA HURT YOU THE WORST!

HYLIK!

MIKE!
DON'T DO IT--

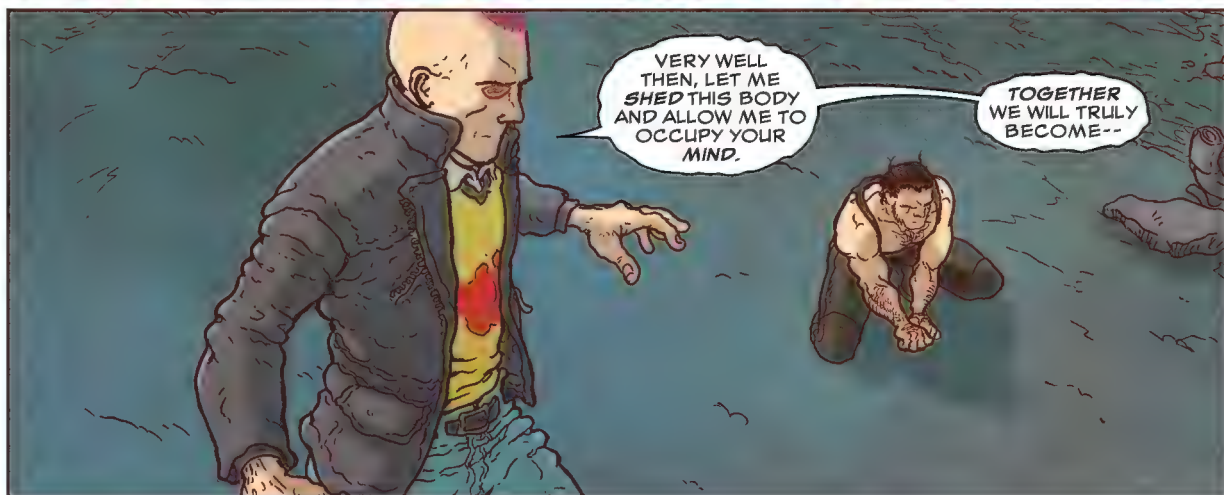
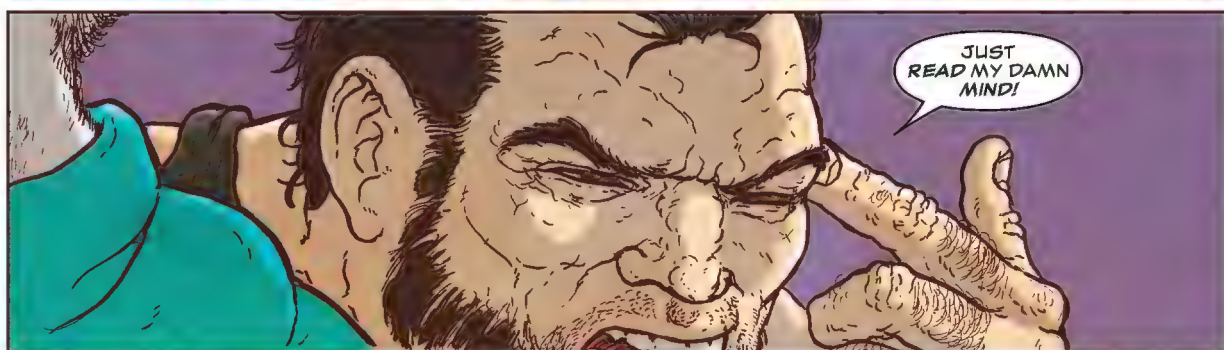
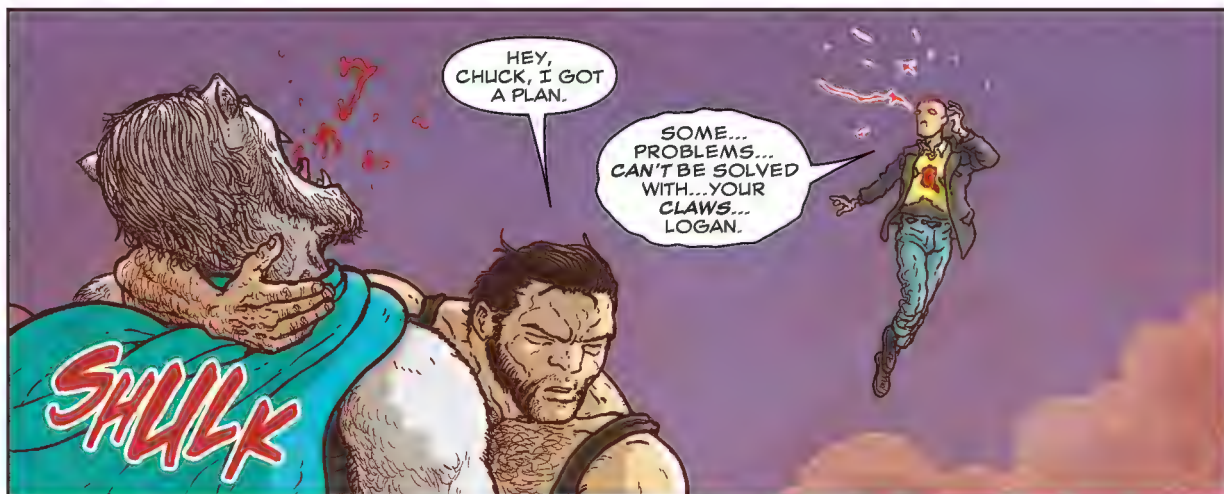


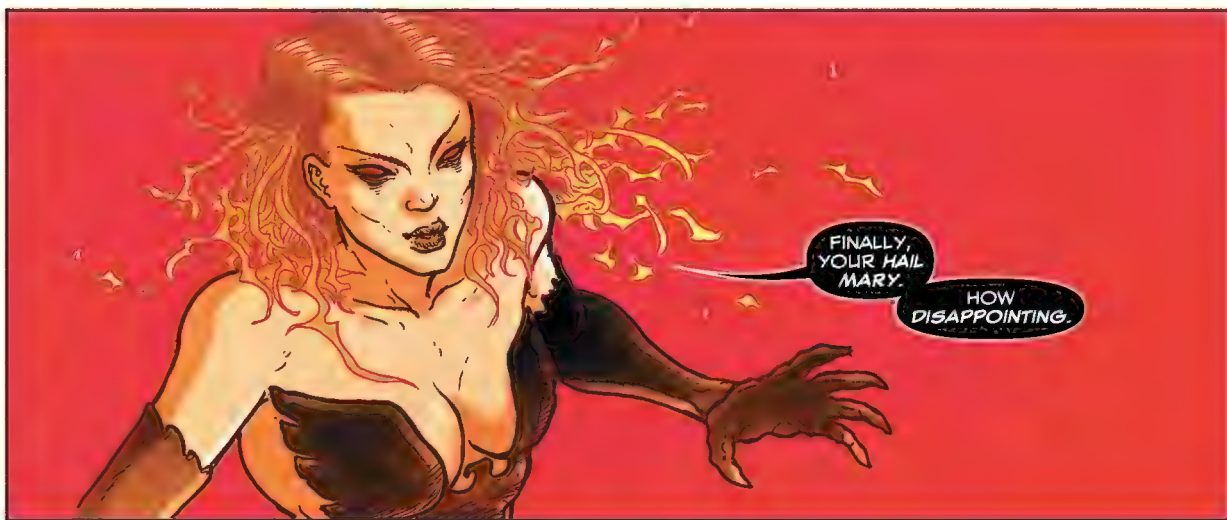
--NO!



YOUR X-MEN ARE LOSING, CHARLES.

SURRENDER TO THE BLACK.



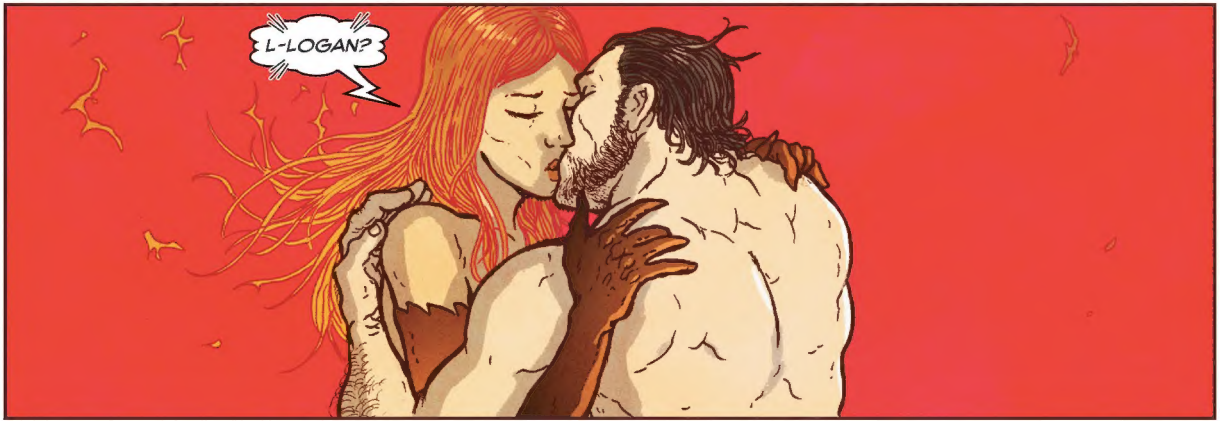




I AM
MUMMUDRAI! I
AM PHOENIX!

I AM
THE DEATH
OF ALL THINGS!
THERE IS NO POSSIBLE
ATTACK THAT COULD
STOP ME, YOU
FOOLS!

THIS ISN'T
AN ATTACK,
DARLIN'.



L-LOGAN?



YOU NEVER
WON ANYTHING,
CASSANDRA.

WE FOUGHT
TO A STANDSTILL
INSIDE THE PHOENIX
EGG, BUT I KNEW
I NEEDED HELP. I
KNEW I NEEDED
MY STUDENTS.
MY FAMILY--

--MY REAL
FAMILY.



LOGAN,
WHAT'S--

NO TIME,
JEANIE. READ
MY MIND.



ONLY ONE
THING LEFT
TO DO...

SNIKT



I
LOVE YOU,
TOO.
SNIKT.

TOGETHER,
THE X-MEN
ALWAYS FIND A WAY
TO SAVE THE
WORLD--



SNK

JMS

--NO MATTER
WHAT THE
SACRIFICE.



HONEY!
WE'VE COME BACK
POSITIVE!

IF DR.
MCCOY IS ALL HE
CLAIMS TO BE, THEN
WE'RE GOING TO BE
THE PROUD PARENTS
OF A BEAUTIFUL
MUTANT--

--HONEY?
WHAT'S
WRONG?

IT'S
NOTHING.
JUST SOME
FIREWORKS OUTSIDE
THE CITY, IS
ALL.

WE SHOULD
NAME THE BABY
JAMES IF IT'S A
BOY...

WHAT IF
WE HAVE A
GIRL?

"I ALWAYS
LIKED THE NAME
JEAN..."



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